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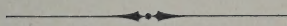
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OFFICERS
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TOWN OF WESTON, 1880.

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

EDWARD COBURN, GEORGE B. MILTON,
MARSHAL L. UPHAM.

ASSESSORS.

ALONZO S. FISKE, ABIJAH COBURN,
GEORGE W. CUTTING, Jr.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Rev. AMOS HARRIS, 3 yrs. NAHUM SMITH, 2 yrs.
HORACE SEARS, 2 yrs. GEO. W. DUNN, 1 yr.
HENRY S. MILTON, 1 yr.

TRUSTEES OF MERRIAM FUND.

EDWIN HOBBS, GEORGE W. CUTTING, Jr.,
HORATIO HEWS.

TOWN CLERK.

GEORGE W. CUTTING, Jr.

TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

HORACE HEWS.

AUDITOR.

NAHUM SMITH.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Rev. AMOS HARRIS, OLIVER R. ROBBINS,
JOHN COBURN.

LIBRARY TREASURER.

HORACE HEWS.

BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE.

EDWARD COBURN, 3 yrs. HORACE HEWS, 2 yrs.
HENRY J. WHITE, 1 yr.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

ALONZO S. FISKE, 3 yrs., BENJ. F. CUTTER, 2 yrs.,
GEORGE W. DUNN, 1 yr.

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK.

District No. 1. EDWARD L. CUTTING,
" " 2. EDWARD E. BROWN,
" " 3. GEORGE W. DUNN,
" " 4. DANIEL GARFIELD,
" " 5. CHARLES S. CUTTER,
" " 6. THOMAS IRVING.

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

DANIEL GARFIELD, DANIEL SMITH,
BENJAMIN F. CUTTER.

FENCE VIEWERS.

SAMUEL F. CLARK, NATHAN BARKER,
HENRY J. JENNISON.

FIELD DRIVERS.

EDWARD L. CUTTING, NATHAN FISKE,
THOMAS E. COBURN.

CONSTABLES.

ALONZO S. FISKE, SAMUEL H. WARREN,
NATHAN BARKER JR.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

DANIEL SMITH.

POUND KEEPER.

FRANK D. PERRY.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT,

For 1880.

The statistics of Births, Marriages and Deaths are for the year beginning Jan. 1, and ending Dec. 31, and not for the fiscal year.

BIRTHS.

Whole number, 21 ; males, 10 ; females, 11 ; both parents natives, 11 ; both parents foreign, 7 ; mixed parentage, 3. Parents native of Weston, 10 ; Ireland, 9 ; England, 3 ; British Provinces, 3 ; Scotland, 1 ; Germany, 1. Number born in Jan., 5 ; Feb., 1 ; April, 1 ; June, 3 ; July, 3 ; August, 1 ; Sept., 2 ; Oct., 3 ; Nov., 1 ; Dec., 1.

N. B. — As the laws of the Commonwealth relating to births and deaths are very rarely complied with, and seem to be imperfectly understood, the text of the law is appended :

General Statutes, Chapter 21, Sect. 2. — “ Parents shall give notice to the clerk of their city or town of the births or deaths of their children ; every householder shall give like notice of every birth or death happening in his house. * * * * Whoever neglects to give such notice for the space of six months after a birth or death shall forfeit five dollars.”

So far as the statistical value of the records to the town or state is concerned, the failure to record a few cases has little effect. It is for the interest of parties *themselves* to have a record of legal value easily accessible, and what is imposed by law as a duty should be considered a privilege. These remarks apply to all the records, none of which can be made too full and accurate.

MARRIAGES.

Total number registered, 11 ; first marriage of party, 19 ; second, 3. Parties native born, 20 ; foreign, 2 ; natives of the town, 3. Marriage certificates issued, 11.

DEATHS.

Whole number registered, 11 ; of which 9 were males, and 2 females. Of this number 1 was under 1 year ; between 1 and 10, 2 ; between 10 and 20, none ; between 20 and 30, none ; between 30 and 40, 1 ; between 40 and 50, none ; between 50 and 60, 1 ; between 60 and 70, 1 ; between 70 and 80, 2 ; between 80 and 90, 3. Oldest, 82 yrs. 11 mo. 10 days ; youngest, 5 months.

In the order of the year there was 1 in January ; 1 in February ; 2 in May ; 2 in June ; 1 in July ; 1 in September ; 3 in November.

DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.

Old age, 1 ; Consumption, 2 ; Pneumonia, 1 ; Scarlet Fever, 1 ; Heart Disease, 1 ; Apoplexy 1 ; Cancer, 1 ; other diseases, 3.

Amount paid into the County Treasury on account of 104 dog licenses \$202.20.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. CUTTING, JR., *Town Clerk.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

STATEMENT OF EXPENSES.

PUBLIC SCHCOLS.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid R. P. Williams, spring term, .	\$300 00
“ “ teaching music, .	33 00
F. W. Anthony, “ fall and winter term,	600 00
F. W. Anthony, teaching music, .	66 66

INTERMEDIATE.

Paid Miss Abbie C. Fiske, three terms,	360 00
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DISTRICT No. 1.

Paid Miss Estelle S. Rogers, two terms,	200 00
Miss Ellen M. Jones, one term, .	100 00

DISTRICT No. 2.

Paid Miss Lillie I. Dunn, three terms,	300 00
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DISTRICT No. 3.

Paid Miss Ida A. Gould, three terms,	300 00
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DISTRICT No. 4.

Paid Miss Annie C. Coburn, three terms,	450 00
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DISTRICT No. 5.

Paid Miss Lizzie J. Viles, three terms, .	300 00
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DISTRICT No. 6.

Païd Miss Ellen M. Jones, two terms, .	200 00	
Miss Julia A. Stearns, winter term,	83 33	
Miss Lizzie S. Gill, " "	16 67	
	<hr/>	\$3,309 66
Appropriated, . . \$3,200 00		
Mass. School Fund, 171 46		

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

J. S. Gould, repairs on house No. 1 and 3,	\$9 18
S. T. Lombard, 400 programmes, . . .	6 00
H. C. Kendall, writing diplomas, . . .	2 50
C. F. Jones, 4 cords wood, Dist. No. 1, .	20 46
E. R. Sibley, 5½ " " 2, .	25 62
M. L. Upham, 17 cords 3¼ feet wood, Dist.	
No. 4, 5, and 6,	87 03
M. L. Upham, measuring fees, . . .	1 70
G. H. Stratton, 5½ cords wood, Dist. No. 3,	25 52
G. W. Cutting & Son, articles for schools,	25 80
G. W. Dunn, cash paid " " "	14 12
John Carter, sawing and splitting, 26¾	
cords wood,	19 59
F. A. Robinson, labor on school-houses	
No. 4 and 6,	13 36
Elias King, labor on school-house No. 2, .	3 60
G. W. Cutting & Son, articles for schools,	16 55
S. R. Beal, 5 charts,	25 00
" " 300 art. Quincy blocks, . . .	3 00
School Com., care of rooms, spring term,	44 00
" " paper and tuning piano, . . .	3 30
Arthur Jennison, sawing wood, . . .	5 00
F. A. Robinson, labor and stock on houses	
No. 2, 3, and 6,	81 53
J. G. & N. G. Gooch, lumber, . . .	49 76

F. W. Anthony, cash paid monthly reports,	4	15
Kelley, Dacy & Co., carting loam to H. S. yd.,	20	00
G. W. Dunn, articles for schools,	5	30
G. W. Cutting & Son, " " "	59	89
W. A. Hunnewell, 5 tons coal,	35	00
Ward & Gay, paper,	4	75
G. W. Dunn, labor on school-yard No. 2,	9	95
J. G. & N. G. Gooch, lumber,	12	73
School Com., care of rooms, fall term,	44	00
G. W. Cutting & Son, articles for schools,	74	05
School Com., advertizing and telegrams for teacher,	3	78
G. W. Dunn, labor at school-houses,	14	80
" " wood " "	10	00
W. A. Hunnewell, coal,	29	00
G. W. Cutting & Son, various items,	17	95
" " " ink wells,	90	
Daniel Smith, repairs on door at H. S. House,	50	
G. W. Dunn, wood,	4	37
James Smith, sawing wood,	1	50
G. W. Dunn, various items,	4	71
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		\$839 95
Appropriated,	\$800	00

HIGHWAYS.

A. S. FISKE, *Road Commissioner.*

April. Self, 12 days,	\$30	00
Men, 45 3-10 days,	67	95
Team, 25 9-10 days,	38	85
Henry Wheeler and man, 26 days,	39	00
" " " team, 9 days,	13	50
T. C. Richardson & team, 7 1-2 days,	22	50
Henry G. Russell & team, 9 days,	27	00

May.	Self, 9 days,	22 50
	Men, 33 days,	49 50
	Team, 9 days,	13 50
	H. Wheeler, 15 days,	22 50
	“ “ team, 7 days,	10 50
	H. G. Russell, 9 days,	13 50
	“ “ team, 7 days,	10 50
	T. C. Richardson, 8 days,	12 00
	“ “ team, 8 days,	12 00
Oct.	Self, 6 1-2 days,	16 25
	Men and team, 335 hours,	50 25
	Henry Wheeler, man and team, 8 3-4 days,	39 30
	Henry G. Russell, man and team, 9 1-4 days,	27 75
	T. C. Richardson, man and team, 8 3-4 days	26 25
	Park Boies, sharpening tools,	4 57
	A. S. Fisk, drawing stones from gravel pit.	16 50

\$586 17

GEORGE W. DUNN, *Road Commissioner.*

Mch.	Self, 28 hours,	\$ 7 00
	Men, 120 “	18 00
	Boy, 25 “	2 50
	Team, 62 “	9 30
April.	Self, 130 1-2 “	32 62
	Men, 471 “	70 65
	Boy, 102 1-2 “	10 25
	Team, 346 “	51 90
May.	Self, 192 1-2 “	48 12
	Men, 904 “	135 60
	Boys, 259 “	25 90
	Team, 485 “	72 75
June.	Self, 145 “	36 25
	Men, 555 “	83 25

June.	Boys, 142 days,	. . .	14 20
	Team, 436 "	. . .	65 40
July.	Self, 64 "	. . .	16 00
	Men, 342 "	. . .	51 30
	Team, 158 1-2 "	. . .	23 77
Aug.	Self, 68 "	. . .	17 00
	Men, 219 "	. . .	32 85
	Team, 112 "	. . .	16 80
Sept.	Self, 28 "	. . .	7 00
	Men, 74 "	. . .	11 10
	Team, 42 "	. . .	6 30
	Paid M. L. Upham,		
	Man, 16 days, .	. . .	24 00
	Team, 9 "	. . .	13 50
Oct.	Self, 70 hours,	. . .	17 50
	Men, 151 "	. . .	22 65
	Team, 140 "	. . .	21 00
	Boy, 472 "	. . .	4 75
Nov.	Self, 91 "	. . .	22 75
	Men, 673 "	. . .	100 95
	Boy, 84 "	. . .	8 40
	Team, 294 "	. . .	44 10
Dec.	Self, men and team, .	. . .	45 70
	George W. Cutting & Son, lanterns,		
	tools and oil, .	. . .	10 49
	Daniel Smith, care of lights, .	. . .	3 00
	Joel Upham, Sharpening tools, .	. . .	15 35
			<hr/> \$1,219 95

BENJAMIN F. CUTTER, *Road Commissioner.*

April.	Self, 11 1-2 days, .	. . .	\$28 75
	Men, 79 1-2 "	. . .	119 25
	Team, 54 "	. . .	81 00
	Wm. S. Seaverns, 6 1-2 days, .	. . .	9 75
	" " team, 6 "	. . .	9 00
	T. Irving, 15 2-5 days, .	. . .	23 10

May.	Self, 10 days,	25 00
	Men, 45 3-4 days,	68 62
	Team, 39 days,	58 50
	George Jones, 7 days,	10 50
Juns.	Self, 3 days,	7 50
	Men, 10 days,	15 00
	Team, 6 1-2 days,	9 75
July.	Self, 2 days,	5 00
	Men, 3 1-2 days,	5 25
	Team, 4 days,	6 00
	G. Jones, 9 days,	13 50
	“ man, 8 1-2 days,	12 75
	“ team, 8 1-2 days,	12 75
Sept.	Self, 2 days,	5 00
	Men, 14 days,	21 00
	Team, 8 days,	12 00
Oct.	Self,	4 00
	D. W. Jacobs' bill,	25 25
	Veranus Keyes' bill,	3 15
	C. A. Warren's bill,	4 50
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		\$595 87

SIDEWALKS.

Paid G. W. Dunn, blasting ledge near		
	Mrs. Sears',	\$21 50
A. K. Munroe, blasting ledge near		
	Mrs. Sears',	40 00
	G. W. Dunn, 71 hours' labor, .	17 75
	“ “ men, 166 “ .	24 90
	“ “ team, 147 “ .	22 05
	“ “ boys, 36 “ .	3 60
Sept.	“ “ 85 “ .	21 25
	“ “ men, 248 “ .	37 20
	“ “ team, 196 “ .	21 90
Oct.	Self, 71 hours,	17 75

Men, 222 hours,	33 30	
Team, 216, hours,	32 40	
Boy, 19 hours,	1 90	
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		\$295 50
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Appropriated,	\$2,800 00	\$2,697 49

CULVERTS AND RAILINGS.

Paid B. F. Cutter, railing near Starr

Bridge, labor,	\$11 72
B. F. Cutter, 16 posts,	4 00
“ “ lumber,	7 63
“ “ repairs on Slack's & Starr's bridge,	17 65
G. W. Dunn, drawing stones near Mrs. Derby's,	35 25
G. W. Dunn, laying wall, 92 hours,	23 00
“ “ men, 349 hours,	52 35
“ “ team, 100 hours,	15 00
A. K. Monroe, 9 days,	18 00
J. G. & N. G. Gooch, lumber,	13 33
A. S. Fiske, railing near Weston R. R. Station, 28 hours,	7 00
A. S. Fiske, men & team, 37 hours,	5 53
Henry G. Russell, drilling,	7 20
Dan'l Garfield, irons and setting,	34 70
“ “ brimstone, . . . . .	.48
Francis Buttrick, lumber,	13 76
A. S. Fiske, setting bounds on Wil- low lane, 15 hours,	3 75
A. S. Fiske, men, 30 hours,	4 50
“ “ setting posts, 70 hours,	17 50
“ “ men setting posts, 180 hours,	27 00

Paid A. S. Fiske, 200 posts,	36 00	
Curtis Robinson, labor on drain near		
Geo. C. Richardson's,	8 00	
Louis E. Roberts, covering stones		
and labor on culvert near his house,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$388 35
Appropriated,	\$400 00	

SNOW BILLS.

Paid A. S. Fiske, self, men, & team,	\$36 30	
" " T. C. Richardson,	2 25	
" " H. G. Russell,	2 70	
" " E. S. Russell,	2 25	
" " Henry A. Wheeler,	2 25	
" " Mayer,	1 80	
" " Marshall Cutting,	5 40	
" " John F. Warren,	2 25	
" " Edward Coburn,	4 50	
" " Jesse S. Viles,	8 20	
	<hr/>	\$67 90
Paid Geo. W. Dunn, self men & team,	\$83 05	
" " Marshall L. Upham,	16 65	
" " John Schwartz,	3 15	
" " Nathan Barker,	9 15	
" " William Cooper,	2 25	
" " Eugene & Charles Upham,	1 35	
" " Oliver Locke,	3 00	
" " Emery L. Bemis,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$123 60
Paid B. F. Cutter, self, men & Team,	\$18 70	
" " Charles A. Warren,	8 25	
" " Hitchcock & Brown,	7 35	
" " Thomas Irving,	18 60	
" " Mason Loker,	5 55	

Paid B. F. Cutter, George Wyman,	1	28	
“ “ S. F. Clark,	1	65	
“ “ Isaac Lovewell,		.82	
“ “ George Lovewell,		.60	
“ “ D. W. Jacobs,		.90	
“ “ John W. Harrington,	6	30	
“ “ F. Cooper,	1	20	
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			\$71 20
No appropriation.			<hr/>
			\$262 70

CEMETERIES.

Paid B. McCusker, laying wall, . . .	\$119	40
“ “ labor on piers, . . .	33	37
John Poutas, 24 1-2 days' labor on piers,	57	38
M. J. Gill, 2 gate post caps, . . .	45	00
Andrew Jones, 5 days' labor of man, .	7	50
Henry J. White, 145 hours self, man and team,	21	75
Freeman Jennison, cutting 6 cords wood,	5	40
Freeman Jennison, labor, various times,	27	88
George Jones, labor, . . . . .		.75
William Jones, plants,	2	50
Horatio Hews, use of horse,	1	75
O. W. Hutchins, mowing south ground,	2	00
Joel Upham, repairing tools, . . . .		.73
Daniel Smith, carpenter work, . . .		.65
Edward Peirce, sand, . . . . .		.75
Michael Quinn, trimming hedge, . .	2	00
G. W. Cutting & Son, grass hook and nails,		62
William Sherburne & team,	3	00
Marshall L. Hews, use of horse, . . .	11	92
Marshall Gleason, labor,	1	26

Paid C. A. Moody, mowing old ground,	1 50	
E. Doyle, labor, . . . . .	.35	
Horace Hews, paid for cement, . .	6 00	
“ “ superintending and		
labor,	60 69	
Henry J. White, trustee,	3 00	
Edward Coburn, “	3 00	
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Appropriated,	\$200 00	\$420 15

TOWN INCIDENTALS.

C. M. A. Twitchell, printing Town Reports, \$88	88	
William S. Seaverns, gravel,	75 00	
Josiah S. Gould, repairs on Town pump, .	3 99	
Nathan Barker, Jr., gravel,	45 00	
George Phinney, Town order book, . .	3 00	
Weston Cornet Band, services Decoration		
Day,	25 00	
Flags and flowers,	13 50	
John L. Hobbs, repairs on town clock, .	2 50	
Edwin Hobbs, insurance agent on Town		
House,	64 50	
D. W. Williams, insurance agent, on Town		
Library,	5 00	
Caleb Packard, raising Town House, .	25 00	
W. H. Leatherbee & Son, shingles Town		
House,	178 75	
Gowell & King, clearing library and school		
room,	18 12	
Gowell & King, shingling Town House, .	72 50	
F. Buttrick, boards, “ “	3 56	
John Roberts & Son, paper, “ “ . .	16 50	
Caleb Kingman, Town pump,	36 00	
Philip Guelpo, fresco painting in Town		
House,	250 00	

Smith & Co., office table, Town House, .	30 00
Norcross, Mellen & Co., lamps, “ .	19 58
F. Buttrick, lumber, “ .	22 64
A. S. Fiske, trunk for Assessors, . .	6 50
“ “ copy of valuation sheets for Sec. of State,	10 00
A. S. Fiske, gravel,	12 00
“ “ guide post,	2 50
Richard Barrett, Agent Springfield Fire Ins. Company,	52 50
Richard Barrett, Agent Home Fire Ins.Co. (New Policies on High School House.)	52 50
Frank Thompson, moving library books, .	5 00
Gowell & King, labor and stock furnished in Town House,	31 84
Mrs. Caswell, cleaning Town Hall, . .	3 78
Mrs. Durgin, “ “ House, . .	1 82
George W. Cutting & Son, hardware Town House,	16 55
George W. Cutting, Jr., dog tax money stolen from safe,	60 00
Horace Hews, paid distributing Town Re- ports,	3 00
Horace Hews, expressing and examining proof,	6 80
E. R. Morse, repairs on Town safe, . .	11 20
Albert Morse, expressing articles for Town House,	3 25
W. A. Hunnewell, coal for library room, .	7 50
Joel Goldthwait, carpet for Selectmen and Town Clerk's room,	28 00
Elias King, labor on Town Clerk's room, .	8 38
W. N. Gowell, “ “ “ “ .	5 18
Richardson & Bond, nails shingling Town House,	14 30
Town of Lincoln, tax,	5 56

Henry S. Milton, legal services on taxes, .	3 00
Horace Hews, putting down carpet, .	2 50
G. A. Smith, door mat for Town House, .	8 50
Abijah Gregory, labor and stock painting Town House,	49 04
Benj. F. Cutter, erecting corner bound be- tween the Town of Weston & Need- ham,	3 00
Samuel F. Clark, gravel,	5 00
Rufus Stickney, stoves and funnel, Town House and library,	79 65
Thomas Groom & Co., Selectmen's record book,	5 75
W. A. Hunnewell, coal for library room, .	8 00
Edward Coburn, postage stamps, paper, and expressage,	4 37
John Coburn, care of Town Hall, . . .	40 40
G. W. Cutting & Son, articles for library, .	7 49
“ “ “ advertising two dif- ferent times on account of Town safe being broken open,	12 12
G. W. Cutting & Son, articles for Town Hall,	25 94
Theodore Jones, care of Town clock, .	20 00
“ “ painting and varnishing hearse,	17 00
“ “ various items,	9 50
Horace Hews, collector tax book, . . .	1 25
“ “ postage stamps & stationery, .	3 87
Oliver R. Robbins, services at library, .	10 00
Richard French, sawing wood for Town Hall,	4 00
Henry S. Milton, services on pauper cases, .	5 00
“ “ “ locating Mass. C. R. road,	10 00
Henry S. Milton, services on grade cross-	

ings,	10 00	
Henry S. Milton, Newton & Watertown Gas Co.,	8 00	
Henry S. Milton, State Aid returns, . . .	7 50	
A. S. Fiske, warning three Town Meetings, .	6 75	
“ “ postage, stationery, and ser- vices on dog warrant,	7 50	
A. S. Fiske, postage, stationery and ex- pressing Assessors account,	5 50	
A. S. Fiske, examing bank and corporation taxes,	5 00	
Daniel Smith, moulding, for door at Town House,	1 00	
A. M. Loker, gravel,	2 60	
G. W. Dunn, “	12 85	
		<hr/> \$1,749 26
Appropriated,	\$1,700 00	

FURNISHING LIBRARY ROOM.

Paid Gowell & King, 4 Alcoves,	\$100 00
A. Ceppi & Co., moulding,	8 64
Joel Goldthwait, carpet,	95 58
W. N. Gowell, labor,	8 33
Elias King, labor,	19 38
Hardy Brothers, blinds,	23 52
Daniel Smith, stock and labor on par- tition,	100 00
B. Bradley & Co., clock,	5 00
Richardson & Bond, glass,	24 00
“ “ hooks and wire, butts, etc.,	6 45
Clarke Maynard & Co., mat,	1 75
Norcross, Mellen & Co., lamps,	17 75
A. Gregory, painting,	21 06

Paid A. G. Whitcomb, 2 tables, . . .	12 00	
Express on 2 Tables, . . .	75	
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		\$444 21
Appropriated, . . .	\$400 00	

CONTINGENCIES.

Paid Proctor, Warren, and Brigham,		
for services in Smith case, . . .	\$150 00	
Henry S. Milton, " "	100 00	
James W. Moore, for damage on		
account of defect in highway, . . .	650 00	
Charles Robinson, Jr., arbiter in		
Moore case, . . .	30 00	
Henry S. Milton, services Moore case, . . .	35 00	
H. R. Brigham, " "	15 00	
A. S. Fiske, cash paid for witnesses		
in Moore case, . . .	18 00	
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		\$998 00
No Appropriation.		

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edward Coburn, Selectman, . . .	\$40 00	
George B. Milton, " . . .	25 00	
Marshall L. Upham, " . . .	25 00	
Alonzo S. Fiske, Assessor, . . .	85 00	
Abijah Coburn, " . . .	38 00	
George W. Cutting, Jr., " . . .	38 00	
Rev. Amos Harris, School Committee, . . .	50 00	
George W. Dunn, " " . . .	50 00	
Henry S. Milton, " " . . .	40 00	
Horace S. Sears, " " . . .	50 00	
Nahum Smith, " " . . .	50 00	
George W. Cutting, Jr., Town Clerk, . . .	55 81	
Alonzo S. Fiske, Road Commissioner, . . .	15 00	

Paid Benj. F. Cutter, Road Commissioner,	8 00	
Horace Hews, Collector and Treas'r,	190 00	
John Coburn, librarian,	125 00	
Edward Coburn, auditor,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$899 81
Appropriated,	\$900 00	

INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Paid Waltham Bank, and sundry Notes,	\$1300 31	
Appropriated,	\$1400 00	

DISCOUNTS AND ABATEMENTS.

Amount,	\$646 68	
Appropriated,	\$800 00	

ALTERING AND REPAIRING TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Gowell & King, per contract,	\$1,693 00	
Morris Dorr, Architect,	80 00	
Samuel Patch, " "	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$1, 779 00
Appropriated,	\$1,800 00	

WIDENING ROAD TO HIGH SCHOOL-HOUSE.

Paid Kelley, Dacy & Co., per contract,	\$1,425 00	
Charles A. Warren, teaming cover-		
ing stones,	10 00	
Fitchburg R. R. Freight on cover-		
ing stones,	13 80	
J. G. & N. G. Gooch, lumber,	134 00	
Wm. N. Gowell, setting post,	12 00	
Henry J. White, laying wall,	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,606 80
Appropriated,	\$1,200 00	

IMPROVEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL YARD.

Paid Nathan Barker Jr., for loam, . .	\$15 00	
W. C. Strong & Co., for trees, . .	17 25	
G. W. Dunn, digging holes for trees, . .	2 00	
William Jones, getting and setting trees,	7 50	
J. H. Curtis, design for ground, . .	24 00	
Augustus Upham, teaming loam, . .	28 50	
H. F. Warren, trees,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$97 25
Appropriated,	\$100 00	

LIBRARY.

Paid Library Treasurer,	\$189 24	
Appropriated dog tax, refunded, \$189 24		

STATE AID.

Paid Mrs. Harriet F. Stimpson,	\$48 00	
Mrs. Martha Tucker,	48 00	
Lemuel A. Smith,	48 00	
Hosea F. Traverse,	16 00	
	<hr/>	\$160 00
To be refunded by State.		

MILITARY AID.

Paid John W. Stowell,	\$100 00	
Hosea F. Traverse,	30 00	
	<hr/>	\$130 00
One-half refunded by State.		

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Overseers of Poor, support at Alms-		
house,	\$128 91	
Overseers of Poor, outside relief, .	333 57	
	<hr/>	\$462 48
(For items, see Overseer's Report.)		

PAINTING SCHOOL-HOUSES.

Paid Abijah Gregory, painting six houses, \$	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$300 00
Appropriated,	\$300 00	

Auditor's Account with the Collector and Treasurer.

Dr.

To Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1880.....	\$1,900 63
Uncollected Taxes, " "	1,721 02
Rent of Town Hall.....	31 00
Rent of School Hall.....	4 00
Tuition from High School.....	18 00
Premium paid on Town House Insurance Policy.....	48 75
School Com. old fence.....	2 80
Commonwealth of Mass. Cor. Tax, 1879.....	3 75
" " " 1880.....	5,949 02
" " Bank Tax.....	2,193 20
" " State Aid.....	152 00
" " Military Aid.....	19 00
" " School Fund.....	171 46
Wood at Cemetery.....	25 46
Hay " 	16 62
Resetting Stone, Cemetery.....	33
Sale of one lot, " 	30 00
County Treasurer, dog tax refunded.....	196 13
Sale of shingles and nails	19 50
G. W. Cutting, weighing fees	30 15
Interest on Taxes.....	51 61
Added Taxes.....	7 70
Waltham Bank, in anticipation of taxes.....	3,200 00
Assessors' list of Taxes for 1880.....	12,553 20
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	\$28,345 33

*Auditor's Account with the Collector and Treasurer.***Cr.**

Cash paid Schools	\$3,309 66
“ School Incidentals	839 95
“ Highways.....	2,697 49
“ Culverts and Railings.....	388 35
“ Town Incidentals.....	1,749 26
“ Cemeteries.....	420 15
“ Town Officers.....	899 81
“ Interest on debt.....	1,300 31
“ Discount and Abatements.....	646 68
“ Support of Poor	462 48
“ Repairs on Town House.....	1,779 00
“ Painting School-houses.....	300 00
“ Widening road to High School-house.....	1,606 80
“ Furnishing library room.....	444 21
“ Improvement at High School yard.....	97 25
“ Contingencies.....	998 00
“ State Aid.....	290 00
“ Snow bills.....	262 70
“ Library.....	189 24
“ Temporary Loan at Waltham Bank.....	3,200 00
“ State Tax.....	1,300 80
“ County Tax.....	693 46
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	\$23,954 80
Uncollected Taxes.....	1,373 46
Cash in Treasury.....	3,017 07
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	\$28,345 33

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Estate of Almira Peirce,	\$1500 00
Mary F. Peirce,	1000 00
Edward Peirce,	1000 00
Estate of A. H. Fiske,	3500 00
Charles H. Fiske, executor,	5500 00
Abigail Jones,	800 00
First Parish, Weston,	400 00
Trustees Town Library Fund,	1400 00
Trustees of Silent Poor Fund,	3208 00
Marshall Hews,	2250 00
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	\$20,558 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in Treasury,	\$3017 07
Uncollected Taxes,	1373 46
Due from State Aid,	240 00
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	\$4,630 53
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Total indebtedness,	\$15,927 47
Decrease of debt,	\$764 88

ASSESSOR'S VALUATION MAY 1, 1880.

Total value of Real Estate,	. . .	\$934,784 00
Total value of Personal Estate,	. . .	698,716 00

Total value,	. . .	\$1,633,500 00
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Number of polls,	. . .	396
“ dwelling-houses,	. . .	252
“ horses,	. . .	352
“ cows,	. . .	717

Rate per cent, \$7 20 per \$1000.

The person chosen as auditor at the last annual meeting, on investigating the labors of the office found them more arduous than he expected, therefore he declined to serve.

The Chairman of your Board of Selectmen officiated in his place.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD COBURN.

Treasurer's Account.

DR.

Balance on hand, March 1, 1880,	\$1,900 63
Received from rent of town and school halls,	35 00
" " weighing fees,	30 15
" " sale of burial lot,	30 00
" " sale of hay and wood,	42 08
" " sale of shingles and nails,	19 50
" " sale of old fence and sheathing,	2 80
Resetting stone, . . . . .	.33
Dividend on Policy,	48 75
Tuition at High School of non-resident scholar,	18 00
Waltham National Bank, temporary loan,	3,200 00
County of Middlesex, Dog Tax refunded,	196 13
State of Massachusetts, School Fund,	171 46
" " Corporation Tax, balance 1879,	3 75
" " " " " 1880,	5,949 02
" " National Bank tax,	2,193 20
" " State Aid refunded,	152 00
" " Relief of Indigent soldiers and sailors,	19 00
Horace Hews, Collector of Taxes, 1878,	30 50
" " " 1879,	1,672 14
" " " 1880,	11,198 12
" " Betterments,	7 70
" " Interest on Taxes,	51 61
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	\$26,971 87

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By paid State of Massachusetts, State Tax, .	\$1,380 00
“ County of Middlesex, County Tax, .	693 46
“ Waltham National Bank, temporary loans, .	3,200 00
“ Sundry persons, Selectmen's orders, .	18,681 34
Balance in Treasury,	3,017 07
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	\$26,971 87

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, March 1, 1881.

TAXES UNCOLLECTED.

Taxes of 1876,	\$ 9 06
“ 1879,	9 32
“ 1880,	1,355 08
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	\$1,373 46

HORACE HEWS, *Collector.*

WESTON, March, 1, 1881.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

AND

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

The Almshouse the past year has been under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. Otis H. Penniman ; whose efficient services the Town has been favored with for the past seven years. The number of inmates the past year, ending March 1, 1881, who has received support, is four. Their names and ages are as follows :

	YEARS.
Frank B. Nelson,	24
Thomas Corbett,	45
Thomas Corbett, Jr.,	16
Harriet Dudley,	53

The number of tramps received and cared for at the Almshouse during the year is as follows : In the month of March and April, before the new tramp law went into effect, 163 were cared for ; during the rest of the year 47 have been received, making a total of 210.

RECEIPTS FROM THE FARM.

Cash received from sale of milk,	\$555 91
“ “ “ cows,	67 50
“ “ “ calves,	43 00
“ “ “ poultry and eggs,	16 00
“ “ “ wood,	82 25
“ “ “ labor,	10 00
“ “ “ potatoes and corn,	45 00
“ “ “ rye,	49 53
“ “ “ rye straw,	56 00
“ “ “ pickles,	56 79
“ Board of Mrs. Dudley,	94 00
“ “ Irving D. Prentiss,	40 00
“ Treasury,	128 91
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	\$1,244 89

EXPENDITURES.

Cash paid	Otis H. Penniman, superintending,	\$350 00
"	Groceries,	209 78
"	Grain and Flour,	182 90
"	Brewer's grains,	107 10
"	Meat,	84 83
"	Fish,	13 31
"	Shotes,	15 00
"	Posts and Rails,	3 50
"	Stone Drag,	4 00
"	Labor,	37 75
"	Medicine for Corbett,	9 00
"	Blacksmith,	25 63
"	Manure,	5 80
"	Stoves,	20 00
"	Coal,	33 74
"	Grass Seed,	5 50
"	Farming Tools,	4 50
"	Hardware,	3 97
"	Clothing,	42 73
"	Hay,	12 00
"	Pasturing cows,	12 00
"	Repairs,	10 10
"	Mass. Ploughman,	2 75
"	Pickle seed and vinegar,	4 00
"	Overseer's salary,	45 00
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		\$1,244 89

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Cash paid	Taunton Lunatic Hospital, board of Mrs Mary	
	Bacon,	\$168 07
"	Commonwealth of Mass., board of Joseph H.	
	Seaverns,	9 50
"	Mrs. Robert Fiske, board of 3 Percell children,	156 00
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	Outside relief,	\$333 57
	Cost at Almshouse,	128 91
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	Total,	\$462 48

CLAIMS.

The suit brought against the town, and two members of the Building Committee on High School building, has terminated favorably for the town; but is still pending against the two members of the committee, an appeal having been taken to the Supreme Court, from a judgment in their favor in the Superior Court. We desire to submit to the town the question whether it shall assume the expense of defending the above suit against its agents, after the town ceased to be a party.

At the town meeting held the 31st of May, the claim of James W. Moore for damages sustained by being thrown from his carriage while traveling on one of our highways was referred to the Selectmen for adjustment.

After obtaining the best evidence we could find in regard to the condition of the road at the time of the accident, your Board was of the opinion that the town was not in fault. As Mr. Moore was pressing his claim we, in order to save the expense of a jury trial, agreed with Mr. Moore to have it decided by an Arbiter, whom we selected in the person of Charles Robinson, Esq., of West Newton. At a hearing, which was held at the Court House, in East Cambridge, we found there was a wide difference in the observation or eye-sight of the several witnesses. Those on the part for Mr. Moore saw in the road at the time, and also previous to the accident, large stones, which properly might be called boulders; while those on the part for the town saw nothing but coarse gravel. It seems that the Arbiter, in summing up the case, decided what was claimed to be seen was more reliable evidence than that which claimed to see nothing; therefore he awarded Mr. Moore the sum of \$650.

Your Board hopes and trusts that Road Commissioners will, after this lesson, be a little more cautious in the manner that they leave our highways. This harrowing our roads, and also putting on stony gravel, or raking stones into heaps and leaving them for weeks, is a dangerous operation; also the digging of a pit by the side of the road, and leaving an old cart by the side of it (without any signal light) is, we consider, more dangerous than the pit itself. Your Board thinks that said Commissioners should be held responsible for all damages paid by the town arising from their careless doings.

The Committee chosen at the last annual meeting to make changes and repairs in the interior of the Town House found, upon examination, that it would be useless to make said repairs, unless the building was newly shingled. Your Board, for the protection of the building, caused

it to be newly shingled, and the north end (which had settled) to be raised and leveled. This said Committee on repairs was a little modest at the meeting when appointed, and did not ask for an appropriation sufficient to make the changes in their judgment needed. Accordingly they spent the sum appropriated, and left it in an unfinished condition. Your Board caused the work to be finished, the expense of which you will find charged in the appropriation for incidentals. Your Board feels that the Town House, in its present condition, is amply sufficient to meet the wants of the town, for town and library purposes, for many years to come, and that no further outlay will be required only to keep it in repair.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen make the following report of their estimate of expenditures for the ensuing year.

For Schools,	\$3200 00
“ School Incidentals,	800 00
“ Support of Poor,	800 00
“ Cemeteries,	300 00
“ Interest on Debt,	1250 00
“ Salary of Town Officers,	900 00
“ Discount and Abatements,	800 00
“ Town Incidentals,	1700 00
“ Highways,	2500 00
“ Sidewalks,	300 00
“ Culverts and Railings,	400 00
“ Town Debt,	3500 00
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	\$16,450 00

The following names will be reported at the Annual March

Meeting to be placed in the jury box subject to the revision of the Town.

Henry L. Brown,
 Samuel F. Clark,
 Abijah Coburn,
 John Coburn,
 Marshall Cutting,
 George W. Dunn,
 Hiram Garfield,
 William N. Gowell,
 Francis Hastings, 2d.
 Henry J. Jennison,

Mordecai G. Leadbetter,
 Charles H. Livermore,
 Charles Morse,
 Edward Peirce,
 William S. Seaverns,
 Nahum Smith,
 Charles E. Smith,
 Herman Train,
 James M. Upham,
 Henry J. White.

TOWN WARRANT.

Articles in Warrant for Town Meeting to be held March 21, 1881.

The meeting will be called at 12 o'clock, noon.

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To hear and act upon the reports of the several boards of Town Officers.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Five hundred dollars or any part thereof, for the purchase of text books for use in our public schools.

ART. 5. To grant and appropriate such sums of money as may be thought necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year: and also to pay any part of the Town debt.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes, and also all other Town Officers.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the Taxes, and to act anything relative to the Collecting of Taxes.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to grant licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as reported by the Selectmen.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will assume the expense of defending the law-suit now pending against two of its agents, George B. Milton and Henry J. White.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD COBURN,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
GEORGE B. MILTON,	
MARSHALL L. UPHAM,	
	} <i>of</i>
	} <i>Weston.</i>

P. S. The Selectmen will be in session at their office in the Town House on Saturday, March 19, from 7 to 9 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of revising the Voting List. All women that are citizens of this State, and have resided in Town the last six months; paid a tax in the State within two years, and have the educational qualification required by law are invited to have their names registered and vote for School Committee at the next election.

It has been desired that notice should be given that there will be a preliminary meeting held in the Town Hall on Saturday March 19, at 7 1-2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of selecting a list of Town Officers to be voted for at the next meeting for the ensuing year. All those now holding office who do not intend to serve the Town another year, (provided they should be wanted,) please give notice at this meeting.

REPORT

OF

ROAD COMMISSIONERS.

The Road Commissioners of Weston submit to the town the following Report.

The regular appropriations for highways, during the past year, have been expended as usual in repairs upon the roads and streets in different parts of the town. But we have been somewhat embarrassed between the travelling public, and individuals who seem to require that something should be done on the road in their immediate locality.

The public demand that our main thoroughfares shall be kept in good condition, and we know and feel that our back roads need more attention than we have been able from our means to give them. One year ago our roads were, from the nature of the weather, in bad condition, badly washed, and deeply rutted. We hope the present spring to find them needing much less repairs.

We would recommend liberal appropriations for highways, believing that good roads, more than any other means, will tend to the prosperity of the town, especially when we recognize the fact that two-thirds of our taxes are paid by a class whom we might style summer residents, and who are interested more in good roads and pleasant drives, than in any other town matters.

We would renew our recommendation of last year, that a small sum be appropriated yearly for sidewalks, as a large part of our citizens walk to and from churches, schools, depots, library and post office.

The street from Main St. to the High School-house has been widened and graded, according to the order of the County Commissioners; but owing to the delay occasioned by waiting for the Commissioners' order and the early closing of the season by frost, it is yet in an unfinished condition. The expense has exceeded the estimate and the appropria-

tion, but we have endeavored to keep strictly within the order of the County Commissioners and the votes of the town.

The bridge over Charles River on the Auburndale road, will probably require new planking, and possibly new timbers, during the coming season.

The several crossings on the Massachusetts Central Railroad have not been definitely settled, but await action by the Boards of Railroad and County Commissioners.

In conclusion, we would invite the attention of all to the vote of the town relating to the depositing of stones and rubbish within the limits of highways, and ask the coöperation of all persons owning land abutting upon our streets, with the town authorities, in endeavoring to keep down the brush, and in trimming shade and other trees where reasonably required by the travelling public.

Respectfully submitted by

ALONZO S. FISKE,	} <i>Road Commissioners</i>
BENJ. F. CUTTER,	
GEO. W. DUNN.	

of Weston.

REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

In our last Report the Trustees recommended to the Town the erection of suitable stone posts at the entrance of Linwood Cemetery, and the completion of the wall on Linwood avenue. A plan for the posts was procured of Mr. J. H. Curtis, and the work has been done in conformity to the same.

The wall on the southerly side of the main entrance to the Cemetery has been built. Some additional grading has been done both on the Avenue and within the Cemetery to secure the foundation of the wall from the action of the frost and from the surface water.

The usual amount of labor has been done in the other Cemeteries.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for burial lot.....	\$30 00
“ “ hay and wood.....	42 08
“ “ resetting stone.....	33
Appropriated.....	200 00
Balance unexpended, last account.....	151 13
	\$423 54

EXPENDITURES.

POSTS.

Sundry workmen.....	\$109 49
Stone caps and belts.....	45 00
Other expenses.....	15 30
	\$169 79

WALL.

Building wall and for stones furnished.....	\$119 40
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LINWOOD AVENUE.

Sundry Workmen and team.....	\$13 66
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LINWOOD CEMETERY.

Sundry workmen.....	47 84
Team.....	8 25
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	\$56 09

CENTRE BURIAL GROUND.

Sundry workmen.....	\$82 67
Plants.....	2 50
Horse hire.....	2 02
Grass hook.....	50
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	\$87 69

OLD BURIAL GROUND.

For labor.....	1 50
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SOUTH BURIAL GROUND.

For labor....	2 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

Cutting wood.....	5 40
Superintendence.....	6 63
Trustees for services.....	6 00
Other expenses.....	1 99
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	\$20 02

[For details see Auditor's report.]

Amount of expenses.....	\$420 15
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Balance unexpended.....	3 39
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Respectfully submitted,

HORACE HEWS,	} Trustees.
H. J. WHITE,	
EDWARD COBURN,	

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

OF THE

MERRIAM FUND FOR THE SILENT POOR.

Dr.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1880,	\$211 49
Interest on Fund,	192 48
	<hr/> \$403 97

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Paid Trustees' Orders,	\$224 00
Balance in Treasury,	179 97
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HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, March 1, 1881.

Report of the School Committee.

The School Board would submit their annual report. They limit themselves to a brief account of the condition of the schools, stating those things which especially demand careful consideration. It is, however, due to the Committee to say that their report must necessarily be partial, as some of the schools will not close until a week after this date. This difficulty cannot be obviated unless a separate report is printed, which would involve additional expense to the town.

Two years since the Committee was increased from three to six members. Last year it was voted that the Committee should consist of the former number. According to the law of the State which directs in the increasing or diminishing the number of the members of the Board one only was added. The term of two members will close this year, and one member will require to be chosen. The present Committee is as follows:—

Geo. W. Dunn, term expires in	.	.	.	1881
Henry S. Milton, “ “ “	.	.	.	1881
Nahum Smith, “ “ “	.	.	.	1882
Horace S. Sears, “ “ “	.	.	.	1882
Amos Harris, “ “ “	.	.	.	1883

The general Committee is officered and divided into sub-committees, as follows:—

Amos Harris, Chairman.

Horace S. Sears, Secretary.

Geo. W. Dunn, } Sub-committee on finance and repairs.
Henry S. Milton, }

Amos Harris, } Sub-committee on recommendation of
Horace S. Sears, } text-books.

Nahum Smith, Sub-committee on music.

School No.	I.	Under the special care of	Mr. Milton.
"	II.	"	" " Mr. Harris.
"	III.	"	" " Mr. Smith.
"	IV.	"	" " Mr. Sears.
"	V.	"	" " Mr. Dunn.
"	VI.	"	" " Mr. Harris.

The Intermediate and High Schools are under the direction of the whole Board.

Whole number of scholars in all the schools,	239
" " High School,	33
" " Intermediate School,	21
" " Primary Schools,	185
Average attendance in all the schools,	182
Percentage of attendance in all the schools,	89
Daily average attendance in the High School,	25
Percentage of average for the year,	95
Whole number of tardy marks,	19
Not absent during the year,	Ella Viles.
Not absent or tardy during the year,	Lizzie White.
" " "	Florence Gowell.
" " "	Bertie Gowell.
Parents visiting the school during the year,	3
Committee " " "	34
Visitors from other towns,	44

HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. R. P. WILLIAMS, MR. F. W. ANTHONY, Principals.

The course of study previously adopted has been pursued during the past year with only a few exceptions. While it may not be regarded as perfect, your committee are agreed that if the English branches and the sciences are only to be taught the course is well adapted to the wants and demands of the scholars.

We considered ourselves as very fortunate in being able to retain the services of our principal. The spring term

evinced the same earnestness and unwearied effort on his part to elevate the intellectual character of the whole school as during the preceding terms. The training was intended to impart self-reliance and render every scholar able to utilize his mental powers to the best advantage. We were securing results on the part of the pupils, taking all things into account, that would in some measure reward the town for the generous outlay recently made in the interest of education. But talent in teaching is earnestly sought and generously remunerated in this Commonwealth. The School Board in the city of Lynn, coveting earnestly the best gift, elected Mr. Williams to fill an important position in one of their schools. The opportunity and compensation were such that Mr. Williams felt, under all circumstances considered, that it was his duty to accept the offer. He tendered his resignation in August, which was accepted with regret. After due consideration the Board elected Mr. F. W. Anthony as successor to Mr. Williams. Mr. Anthony is a graduate of Harvard College, and has had some experience in teaching in a neighboring State. The school has prospered beyond our expectations. Good work has been done in all the classes. No better results, we believe, were ever realized in any class in this town than in the present senior class. In some instances victory has been wrung from apparent defeat. Your Committee have decided that any scholar who completes the prescribed course shall receive a diploma. Any scholar who receives from seventy per cent. to ninety per cent. shall have a diploma of honor. Any one who receives ninety per cent. or over shall receive a diploma of the highest honor. Five of the present senior class will receive the highest and the remainder the second honor. Such a record speaks for itself. The teacher remarked to one of the class that he was intending to give them a severe examination in one of the branches. "Are you going outside the text-book?" was the inquiry. "No," was the answer. "Then, sir, we are prepared," was the conscious reply, "for we have mastered the book."

What was affirmed of one study is true of all to a great extent. To observe the rapid development of mind in the scholars, and especially in the senior class, is indeed very encouraging to us as a Board, and must be very pleasant for the parents. The principal has prepared report cards with much care and great labor, and forwards them every month to the parents, in order that they may know what their children are accomplishing for themselves. It is greatly to be desired that the parents will co-operate with the teacher in this effort, in order that the school may be rendered a more efficient medium of educating their youth.

The singing has been under the care of Mr. Anthony. More or less time is daily given to this very important art in teaching the rudiments of music and in voice-building. The school greatly needs a microscope and other instruments, so that the scholar may have a practical knowledge of the sciences to which they are devoting so much valuable time. While the library is a great assistance to the school in affording books for reading in connection with the sciences, books of reference are greatly needed for hourly consultation. A little given every year will soon furnish the school with these means of information.

AMOS HARRIS,

Chairman of the School Committee.

THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS ABBIE C. FISKE, Teacher.

This school has its hours for study in the same room as the High School. The scholars are therefore under the immediate care of the principal during this time. During the hours of reciting their teacher has them in charge. Excellent discipline has been maintained through the year. The scholars seem to understand what is required of them, and as a whole are disposed to comply with the rules of the teacher. The pupils are in that peculiar age of transition in regard to their habits, opinions, and formation of character, when they make constant demands on the teacher to interest

and encourage them in their course of study. The school as a whole has made commendable progress. It is to be remembered that this school is the connecting link between the Primary and the High. There are those who regard themselves as too old to remain in the Primary and not sufficiently advanced to enter the High. Circumstances are such that they cannot devote all their time to study. The Intermediate, therefore, furnishes them with an opportunity of acquiring additional knowledge in the English branches which they otherwise never could have received. There is also an opportunity for those who wish to enter the High School to become acquainted with its demands upon them, both morally and intellectually, and govern themselves accordingly.

We fear that some parents are too anxious to see their children promoted when their age, health and intellectual attainments will hardly warrant such a step. Such a scholar either becomes discouraged or his health fails, and consequently he leaves the school without completing the prescribed course. Hard work therefore is to be done in the Intermediate in laying a broad foundation for intellectual accomplishments in the High. Arithmetic and grammar are especially dry and uninteresting to the pupils of the age who attend this school. Here they must toil, led slowly, step by step, by the teacher, until the philosophy and utility of the principles of these branches are comprehended in some degree by the mind so as to become interesting. This object has been accomplished to a commendable degree in this school during the past year.

Whole number of scholars,	.	.	.	21
Daily average attendance,	.	.	.	18
Percentage of attendance,	.	.	.	92
Tardy marks,	.	.	.	43
Visits from parents,	.	.	.	5
Visits from the Committee,	.	.	.	35
Other visitors,	.	.	.	54

AMOS HARRIS,
Chairman of the School Committee.

SCHOOL NO. 1.—EAST CENTRE DISTRICT.

MISS ESTELLE S. ROGERS, MISS ELLEN M. JONES, Teachers.

During the first of the year there was a perceptible lowering of the tone and animus of the school, due in part to a lack of kindly feeling from the scholars towards the teacher, and in part to the want of co-operation from the parents. The amount of interest felt in a school by the parents is largely gauged by the number of their visits. We endeavor to conform to their desires as far as we consistently can, and invite their criticism, but not from hearsay evidence; six parental visits during a year in a school of thirty-four scholars is hardly a creditable showing. We urge the need in all our districts, and particularly here, of a more intimate knowledge, on the part of the parents, of the workings and standards of the school where the future welfare and usefulness of their children are so largely moulded.

At the close of the fall term Miss Rogers resigned and Miss Jones was transferred hither from District No. 6. Already we see hopeful signs of a more prosperous future. The scholars have a better understanding of their lessons and their own wants, a truer appreciation of their teacher, and a growing pride in their school. With a continued harmonious co-operation between parents, teacher, and pupils, we predict that the school will soon take its rightful place among our leading primaries.

Whole number of scholars,	.	.	.	34
Average attendance,	.	.	.	27
Percentage of attendance,	.	.	.	93
Tardy marks,	.	.	.	33
Number of visits from parents,	.	.	.	6
“ “ “ “ Committee,	.	.	.	22
“ “ “ “ others,	.	.	.	48

HORACE S. SEARS,

Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL NO. 2.—WEST CENTRE DISTRICT.

MISS LILLIE I. DUNN, Teacher.

Your Committee performs with pleasure the duty assigned him towards this School. It has been his privilege to observe quite often the exercises of the different classes, and to become familiar with its every day work, and he always found it going on earnestly, harmoniously, and efficiently. Your Committee would heartily commend the attention given to the reading and spelling exercises, especially the careful drill of the classes in spelling, both oral and written. We might go into further detail, but would like to say here, that the quick response given to his interest in the singing exercises enlisted his most cordial sympathy. While we, as Americans, have a just pride in our Common Schools, yet when we consider the fact that the English school-boy or girl who learns to *read* music by *note* is entitled to one shilling annually, and that six hundred and fifty thousand dollars are paid every year out of the Treasury to the children of Great Britain, we may ask if we will not be encouraged in the effort to give a little place to the culture of vocal music in our Primary Schools.

The earnest invitation given us, by the Head Master of one of the Parish Schools, to stop and hear his boys sing, attested the importance given to that part of his school-work.

We are proud of the little singers of No. 2.

Whole number of scholars,	.	.	.	25
Average attendance,	.	.	.	22
Percentage of attendance,	.	.	.	88
Tardy marks,	.	.	.	38
Number of visits from parents,	.	.	.	10
“ “ “ “ Committee,	.	.	.	29
“ “ “ “ others,	.	.	.	49

NAHUM SMITH,

Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL NO. 3.—NORTH WEST DISTRICT.

MISS IDA A. GOULD, Teacher.

There are situations in life which call forth all the powers of human endurance, and not alone are they the true martyrs who walk to the fiery stake, but as worthy of the honors of sweet sainthood many a silent heroine, who goes with true purpose of heart, and unfaltering spirit, to her thankless daily task within the walls of the school-room.

Your Committee was absent the greater part of the spring term, but from the little he saw personally, and from other sources of information, he thinks that good progress was made in all the work of the School. The fall term he knows, by frequent observation, was very successful, and the mutual working of *all* interested was eminently pleasant and satisfactory.

But with the winter term was introduced an element hard to mould, impossible to blend, that taxed the powers of the teacher, and the patience of your Committee, to the utmost bounds of endurance.

It is hoped that they who have sown in tears will *sometime* see a thankful harvest.

Whole number of scholars,	. . . . .	24
Average attendance,	. . . . .	15
Percentage of attendance,	. . . . .	84
Tardy marks,	. . . . .	92
Number of visits from parents,	. . . . .	8
“ “ “ “ Committee,	. . . . .	27
“ “ “ “ others,	. . . . .	41

NAHUM SMITH,

Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL NO. 4.—NORTH EAST DISTRICT.

MISS ANNA C. COBURN, Teacher.

At the close of the winter term, 1880, Miss Davis resigned her position as teacher of this school, and Miss

Coburn was elected to fill the vacancy. There has been a steady progress in all departments of school life,—in scholarship, as evidenced by both oral and written examinations, in discipline, and, above all, in the morâlê and spirit of the school. A year ago the Committee indicated in their report that its condition was not satisfactory in all respects, owing to the presence of disturbing and lawless elements which were prejudicial to its highest interests. But it has shown its capacity of ranging through the whole gamut of school experience, and to-day stands before the town as one of our most reliable and progressive schools, a credit alike to itself, the teacher and the district. The same demoralizing tendencies formerly at work here can never be wholly eradicated, and, under adverse conditions, may again assert themselves; but for the present they are held in subjection, or transformed into agencies for the nobler ends of knowledge, truth and goodness. For in schools, as in practical life, the height of excellence that may be attained is measured by the depths which may also be reached.

Special attention is called to the small number of tardy marks during the year—a remarkable record for so large a school. Carrie B. Coburn, Florence M. Coburn, Ida F. Warren, Oscar B. Coburn and George L. Spear have been perfect in their attendance for the year:—

Whole number of scholars,	57
Average attendance,	39
Percentage of attendance,	94
Tardy marks,	16
Number of visits from parents,	14
“ “ Committee,	24
“ “ others,	83

HORACE S. SEARS,

Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL NO. 5.—SOUTH EAST DISTRICT.

MISS LIZZIE J. VILES, Teacher.

The past year of this school has been one of progress. The school has made commendable improvement in all its studies, and at its yearly examination gave convincing proof that the practical use of study had been so presented and held before the minds of the pupils that they studied and worked for an end.

The order in this school is good, secured in the best manner, by union, sympathy and love existing between teacher and scholar. This, supplemented by the parents, we believe will ensure the future success of the school.

Whole number of scholars,	.	.	.	23
Average attendance,	.	.	.	19
Percentage of attendance,	.	.	.	82
Tardy marks,	.	.	.	27
Number of visits from parents,	.	.	.	8
“ “ Committee,	.	.	.	16
“ “ others,	.	.	.	24

GEO. W. DUNN,

Sub-Committee.

SCHOOL NO. 6.—SOUTH WEST DISTRICT.

MISS ELLEN M. JONES, MISS JULIA C. STEARNS, Teachers.

We regard this school as having done credit to itself during the past year. The scholars, as a whole, are well disposed. If they have confidence in their teacher, her labor is comparatively easy in governing them. This confidence is not difficult to gain. The experience of teachers will confirm the above statement. Miss Jones was transferred at the beginning of last term to School No. 1. Miss Lizzie S. Gill, of Waltham, was appointed as her successor. On account of ill-health she was obliged to resign at the close of the second week. Her resignation was accepted, and

Miss Julia C. Stearns was chosen to take charge of the school. Miss Stearns is a teacher of practical experience, as well as having enjoyed a normal training. Notwithstanding all these changes, which have a tendency to demoralize a school, the scholars give evidence of good discipline and intellectual progress. The future looks encouraging.

The returns from the school are too incomplete for publication.

AMOS HARRIS,

Sub-Committee.

TEXT-BOOKS USED IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Greenleaf's Arithmetics, Harper's Geographies, Hooker's Child's Book of Nature, Stickney's Pen and Picture Series (Grammar), Appleton's Readers, Progressive Speller.

IN HIGH AND INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

The above and Higginson's Young Folks' History of the United States, Greenleaf's Algebra, Bradbury's Eaton's Geometry, Bradbury's Eaton's Trigonometry, Wells' Philosophy, Steele's Chemistry, Hutchinson's Physiology, Orton's Zoology, Houston's Physical Geography, Swinton's Universal History, Wood's Botany, Hill's Rhetoric, Shaw's English Literature, Kiddle's Astronomy, Nordhoff's Politics for Young Americans, Dana's Geological Story.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

In compliance with the by-laws of the Library, we herewith submit our Annual Report for the year ending March 1st, 1881.

The past year has given us a new experience in library management. Owing to the alterations in the building, we had to engage new quarters for the library. We tried to make arrangements so that the library could be used most of the time, and closed for only a brief period ; but failing in this, the books were removed to a room below, where they remained until the new room was ready for their reception, when they were replaced upon the shelves. And all this was accomplished without the loss or serious damage of a single book.

The new library room has been fitted up under the direction of the Library Committee.

Keeping in view both comeliness and economy, we have exercised our best judgment and skill in all that pertains to fitting up and furnishing the room. The furniture of the old room has all been utilized in one way or another. Nothing has been wasted. The stove, being too small for the new room, has been placed in the Town Officer's room, as also has the desk, where it is needed for the Town Clerk's use, and the chandelier is in the small hall.

For convenience in the delivery of books, the new room is far better than the old one. The size of the present book room is about 14 by 32 feet, and within this space can, upon necessity, be provided shelf room for 10,000 volumes or more. The library now contains a little over 5,000 books, and shelving is already provided for about 3,000 more.

The Library was closed on the 24th of July, and re-opened to the public on the 18th of December, since which time it has been in running order. Some delay was occasioned by the necessity of renumbering the books in preparation for the new catalogue. In the old room the books had, as a natural result of the old way of numbering, become somewhat mixed. This was of little consequence so long as Mr. Coburn, the librarian, was in constant attendance, for he had assigned all the books their places, and of course knew exactly where to look for

them ; but in case of his absence from any cause, it would have taken a new beginner a long time to get the run of the numbers, — and much delay in the delivery of books, and much inconvenience to the patrons of the library, would have been the inevitable result. The new plan of numbering is very simple. For instance, the numbers 25-3 upon a book, would denote that that book's place in the library was the third book on the 25th shelf ; if the numbers read 3-25, it would denote the 25th book on the third shelf, and so on, the shelf number always preceding the book number. With this system of numbering, any person of ordinary intelligence can, with very little practice, find books as readily as though they had spent years in the library.

In deciding upon a plan for the new catalogue, we have had in view the convenience of students. We think that a public library fails of its greatest usefulness to the young, unless it is brought into close connection with the public schools. The importance of collateral reading is more fully recognized among the best educators than ever before. For instance, if a class in history were to read the lives of individuals who took an active part in the events transpiring in the country and epoch under consideration, it could hardly fail to increase their interest in the study, and fix in their minds the remembrance of events. Likewise, a class in geography might profitably read the narratives of travellers, giving an account of the manners and customs, and peculiar features of the various countries. The co-operation of teachers and parents is, however, necessary for the attainment of the best results in this direction.

We think that it might serve a good purpose if the library could be open twice a week, so as to give scholars a chance to exchange their books on some school day ; for those coming from distant parts of the town this would be a great convenience. We recommend that, from the 1st of October to the 1st of April, it be open on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 5.

The accessions to the library during the past year are as follows :— Number of books bought, 219 ; presented, 46. Books and pamphlets have been received from Col. D. S. Lamson, Mrs. C. J. Paine, Miss Ida Ward, Hon. William Claflin, Rev. L. T. Townsend, Geo. B. Milton, Cobden Club, London Bureau of Education, American Swedenborg Society, and the American Unitarian Association. Also catalogues of the following libraries in Haverhill, Wakefield, Wayland,

Boston, Concord, Newton, Lancaster, and the Massachusetts State Library.

We do not think it necessary to call the books in again this year. The new catalogues will be out early in the spring. It is for the town to decide how they shall be disposed of. We recommend that each family in town be supplied with one catalogue free.

We cannot close without referring to another subject, It will be remembered by many of our citizens, that Mr. Charles Merriam twice presented to the town \$1,000, once to establish a Library Fund ; and a second time to establish a fund called the Silent Poor Fund, both very worthy objects.

The gift to the library might, in a very just sense, be considered as a gift of \$1,000 to every resident of the town, for at 6 per cent. interest, it enables the Trustees of the library every year, to place \$60 worth of books within the reach of every person in town.

It seemed to your Committee that some further recognition of Mr. Merriam's disinterested benevolence would be proper. We accordingly proffered a request to his widow, Mrs. Caroline Merriam, for a portrait of her husband, to which request she kindly responded by sending us the beautiful picture which adorns our library room. Long may it hang upon the wall, that the citizens of Weston may thereby be constantly admonished to ever gratefully cherish the name of their benefactor.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER R. ROBBINS,
JOHN COBURN,
AMOS HARRIS.

Library Treasurer's Account.

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Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1880,	\$ 8 85
Interest from Library Fund,	84 00
From Town Treasury,	189 24
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Paid Lockwood, Brooks, & Co., books, periodicals, and covering-paper,	\$248 11
W. B. Clark, book,	2 40
J. D. F. Brooks, binding books,	10 35
George Phinney, cards,	3 50
Albert Morse, expressage,	5 80
Balance in Treasury,	11 83
	<hr/> \$282 09

HORACE HEWS, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, March 1, 1881.

